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BACKGROUND--JORDAN WATER DIVERSION

I. The average annual flow of the Jordan at Banat Yacov is estimated at 20.26 cubic meters per second.

II. Israel's Banat Yacov canal is to have a maximum capacity of 25 cbm. per sec.

A. In 1953, Israelis stated that, during low summer flow, their canal would take all of Jordan waters above Tiberias estimated at 8 cbm. per sec. during summer months.

B. Israelis also stated, however, that for seven months of low flow--all diverted water would be returned to Lake Tiberias.

C. Suggested that Syria could be compensated for loss of water in this stretch by using electric power from Israeli plant to pump water

from Lake Tiberias to Syrian lands

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Johnston plan does not envisage diversion

of Jordan water for power purposes along
this portion of the river. Plan calls
for power projects on two Jordan trib-
utaries instead--the Hasbani in the north
and the Yarmuk to the east.

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